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March 4, 1997

Mr. Michael A. Karnofski
Weyerhaeuser Paper Company
P.O. Box 188
Longview, Washington 98632

RE: Weyerhaeuser Longview, Washington Facility /
Investigation of January 27, 1997 Chemical Release

Dear Mr. Karnofski,

Pursuant to the investigation of a January 27, 1997 chemical release from Weyerhaeuser's Longview Washington facility, EPA would like to schedule a site visit at Weyerhaeuser's Longview facility for the week of March 31, 1997. It is estimated at this time that the site visit would begin on April 1, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. and could take approximately two days or more depending on the availability of persons for interviews during that time.

The site investigation would involve a detailed tour of the area where the foul condensate tank is located, the area where the spill occurred, and the area of the A and C sumps and the west pond where the spill was routed. During the site visit EPA expects to interview individuals identified in the list attached to Weyerhaeuser's February 26, 1997 letter to EPA. Depending on the information developed, we may also request to interview persons not identified on the Weyerhaeuser list.

To facilitate that process and to minimize disruption of Weyerhaeuser operations during that site visit, we are identifying below information that we request Weyerhaeuser to provide in writing in advance of the scheduled site visit if possible:

1. A detailed written list or narrative of all emergency notifications made by Weyerhaeuser to state, federal and

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local agencies in regard to the January 27, 1997 release. Please include the date, time, contents of notification, person making the notification for Weyerhaeuser, telephone number and/or FAX of agency contacted, name of agency contacted, and name of the agency representative contacted. If written notifications were made, please provide copies of these as well.

2. Any sample analyses of the foul condensate tank contents (sulfate turpentine) and/or sample(s) of the material which was released on January 27, 1997. Please provide analyses of the pure product showing the percent of the methyl mercaptans and hydrogen sulfide contained in that material and provide analytical methods and procedures used to obtain and analyze the samples.
3. Any plume and dispersion modeling performed by Weyerhaeuser or at Weyerhaeuser's direction in relation to the January 27, 1997 release.
4. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all persons who contacted Weyerhaeuser regarding the January 27, 28, and 29 release.
5. Results of any analytical data gathered through field instrumentation and millsite monitors and alarms or other means related to the January 27, 28, and 29 release.
6. Engineering and process as built diagrams of the facility operation where the foul condensate is generated, stored, or otherwise managed or processed.
7. Engineering as built diagrams for the West Pond treatment system including aeration rates, surface area, depth, total volume, liner permeability for the area(s) where the January 27, 1997 spill was routed.
8. A detailed chronology of the circumstances of the release and of the actions and events which Weyerhaeuser took in response and cleanup of the spill.
9. Names and telephone numbers of any personnel including consultants or contractors used to assist Weyerhaeuser in the control and cleanup of the January 27, 1997 release.
10. Any calculations performed by or for Weyerhaeuser in determining the quantity of methyl mercaptan and hydrogen sulfide released.
11. Any documentation of Weyerhaeuser internal investigations related to the January 27, 1997 release.

Please provide this information in writing to:
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If you have any questions in regard to any matter in this letter, please call me at (360) 753-9475 or have your attorney contact EPA's attorney, Joan C. Shirley at (206) 553-0978. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Suzanne E. Powers
EPCRA/CERCLA Compliance Officer